GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2236
ANSWERED ON:29.07.2016
VDPV Cases
Singh Shri Bhola;Tadas Shri Ramdas Chandrabhanji

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware of that there has been re-emergence of polio virus across the country, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the steps being taken by the Government in this regard including setting up of camps throughout the country for testing of polio;

(c) whether the Government has taken note of recent cases of Vaccine Derived Polio Virus (VDPV) cases reported across the country;

(d) if so, the details thereof, State/UTwise; and

(e) the action taken thereon?

Answer

ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE
(SHRI FAGGAN SINGH KULASTE)

(a): No, there is no re-emergence of poliovirus in the country. The last case of wild poliovirus case in India was reported on 13 January 2011 from Howrah district of West Bengal. India has been maintaining its polio-free status for the last 5 years.
(b): In view of the above, question does not arise.

(c): No, Vaccine Derived Polio Virus (VDPV) human case has been reported recently. In fact VDPV has been detected in the sewage sample.

(d) & (e): In view of the above, question does not arise. However, in view of the event of VDPV detected in sewage sample in Hyderabad, vaccination using Inactivated Polio Vaccine (IPV) has been carried out in the high risk areas of Hyderabad and Rangareddy district and about 3,11,000 children were vaccinated.